

Office of Governor Mitch Daniels

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Weekly Update

Governor honors Indiana businesses for longevity, community service

October 1, 2008- Gov. Mitch Daniels honored 87 Indiana companies for longevity and community service last week by awarding them the Governor's Century or Half Century Business Awards during an Indiana Statehouse ceremony.

A total of 28 Indiana companies received Century Awards for being in business a minimum of 100 consecutive years. Fifty nine Hoosier companies received Half Century Awards, for operating for a minimum of 50 years. Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman and Secretary of Commerce Nathan Feltman joined Daniels in honoring the Indiana companies.



October 1, 2008- Governor Daniels delivered remarks before presenting 87 Hoosier businesses with the Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards.

"These companies are the foundation of economic growth for our state. Home-grown Indiana companies like these provide the stability and longstanding community involvement that typifies our traditional Hoosier values," said Governor Daniels.

The Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards honor Indiana businesses that have remained in operation for 100 or 50 years or more and have also demonstrated a history of community service. More than 1,000 companies from across Indiana have been recognized during the 18-year history of the Awards.

Governor celebrates 10th anniversary of the Oaks Academy



October 3, 2008– Governor Daniels helped the Oaks Academy celebrate its 10th Anniversary during a Friday morning ceremony in Indianapolis. The school provides a classical education to children of diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds and was originally founded by the governor and a group of community and business leaders. More information on the Oaks Academy may be at the following link:

<http://www.theoaksacademy.org/default.asp>

October 3, 2008- Governor Daniels spoke with Oaks Academy student Lauren Edwards before delivering remarks at the school's 10th anniversary celebration.

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To visit Governor Daniels' Web site, click [here](#).

Disaster assistance centers in three southern Indiana counties open

September 29, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels announced the state will partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to operate three disaster assistance centers in Harrison, Jefferson and Jennings counties.

The sites will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time and will offer services from FEMA, the Department of Workforce Development, Department of Insurance and the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA).

FEMA assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in those counties can begin applying for FEMA assistance by registering online at <http://www.fema.gov/assistance> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.

Ten more counties approved for federal individual assistance

October 3, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels received word late last week that President George W. Bush has approved Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Pike, Spencer and Switzerland counties for federal assistance for homeowners, renters and businesses damaged by severe weather that began September 12.

That brings to 16 the number of Indiana counties that have been designated for federal assistance. Lake, LaPorte and Porter counties received approval for federal individual assistance on September 23, and Harrison, Jefferson and Jennings counties were added to the list on September 26.

The state will identify locations to provide disaster services in the region, and the governor will ask the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to allow emergency food stamp distribution for storm victims.

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Residents and business owners who sustained losses in those counties can begin applying for FEMA assistance immediately by registering online at <http://www.fema.gov/assistance> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers are available 24 hours a day.



September 27, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels presented a \$700,000 check to be used for the expansion of the Farm Heritage Trail in Boone County last week.



September 27, 2008- Governor Daniels joined Dave Edwards of WQME 98.7 FM to talk sports and eat breakfast at the Perkins in Anderson.

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ExactTarget announces plans for technology center, 300 new jobs

Oct. 1, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from email marketing provider ExactTarget to announce the company's plans to expand its operations in downtown Indianapolis, creating 300 new jobs by the end of 2013.

The provider of on-demand, email and one-to-one marketing solutions will invest \$25 million in technical equipment and real estate over the next five years to expand its Indianapolis operations and site the ExactTarget Technology Center at the historic Gibson Building, located just a short distance from its corporate headquarters on Monument Circle.

"In every sense, ExactTarget represents the real promise that home-grown entrepreneurial companies in our state hold," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "From its early days as a startup to the national powerhouse it has become, ExactTarget is creating the kinds of high-tech jobs we need to further strengthen and diversify our economy."

ExactTarget, which powers more than a billion emails a month for thousands of organizations across the country including CareerBuilder.com, Expedia.com and The Home Depot, plans to hire technology specialists, software developers, sales, marketing and administration and customer service professionals over the next several years.

"We have built a dynamic technology company with highly talented and skilled employees right here in Indiana, and many of them are from our homegrown, world-class university talent," said Scott Dorsey, chief executive officer of ExactTarget. "We are proud to continue our expansion surrounded by Indianapolis' top-notch cultural amenities, low cost of living and a high quality of life."

Founded in 2000, the company's on-demand software enables its clients to create, target, deliver, track, and manage permission-based email marketing communications. The company's suite of on-demand one-to-one marketing applications enables clients to send business-critical and event triggered communications to increase sales, optimize marketing investments and strengthen customer relationships.

ExactTarget's expansion in Indiana is the second in less than two years. In March 2007, the company announced plans to add 90 associates to its Indianapolis operations, a number the company has already exceeded.



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October 2, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from commercial vehicle supplier Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC today to announce the company's plans to expand its operations in Huntington, creating more than 46 new jobs by 2011.

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